

S. 1760, to amend the Public Health Service Act with respect to the Healthy Start Initiative, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1042, to amend the Public Health Service Act to make the provision of technical services for medical imaging examinations and radiation therapy treatments safer, more accurate, and less costly, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

The nominations of Jan Cellucci, of Massachusetts, William J. Hagenah, of Illinois, Mark Y. Herring, of South Carolina, and Julia W. Bland, of Louisiana, each to be a Member of the National Museum and Library Services Board, Jamsheed K. Choksy, of Indiana, Gary D. Glenn, of Illinois, David Hertz, of Indiana, Marvin Bailey Scott, of Indiana, Carol M. Swain, of Tennessee, and Dawn Ho Delbanco, of

New York, each to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities, Jonathan Baron, of Maryland, Sally Epstein Shaywitz, of Connecticut, and Frank Philip Handy, of Florida, each to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the National Board for Education Sciences, Javaid Anwar, of Nevada, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Harry S Truman Scholarship Foundation, Neil Romano, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of Labor, Joxel Garcia, of Connecticut, to be Medical Director in the Regular Corps of the Public Health Service and to be an Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services, and Robert F. Cohen, Jr., of West Virginia, and Michael F. Duffy, of the District of Columbia, each to be a Member of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Review Commission.

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## House of Representatives

### *Chamber Action*

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 38 public bills, H.R. 5602–5639; 8 resolutions, H.J. Res. 78–79; and H. Res. 1045–1050 were introduced.

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**Additional Cosponsors:**

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**Reports Filed:** There were no reports filed today.

**Journal:** The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by a yea-and-nay vote of 222 yeas to 183 nays, with 1 voting "present", Roll No. 136.

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**Moment of Silence:** The House observed a moment of silence in honor of in honor of all those serving in the military, past and present, during the war in Iraq.

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**Privileged Resolution—Intent To Offer:** Representative Price (GA) announced his intention to offer a privileged resolution.

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**Question of Privilege:** The Chair ruled that the resolution offered by Representative Price (GA) did not constitute a question of the privileges of the House. Agreed to table the motion to appeal the ruling of the Chair by a yea-and-nay vote of 222 yeas to 192 nays, Roll No. 135.

Pages H1625–26

**Revising the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2008, establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2009, and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2010 through 2013:** The House

passed H. Con. Res. 312, revising the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2008, establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2009, and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2010 through 2013, by a yea-and-nay vote of 212 yeas to 207 nays, Roll No. 141. Consideration of the measure began on Wednesday, March 12th.

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**Rejected:**

Kilpatrick amendment in the nature of a substitute (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 110–548), submitted on behalf of the Congressional Black Caucus, that sought an alternative budget that would balance the budget in FY 2012. The CBC budget would have funded programs and services in the areas of health care, education, veterans benefits and services for low-income families. It also provided for additional services for the administration of justice and funded the recommendations of the House Committee on Homeland Security (by a recorded vote of 126 ayes to 292 noes, Roll No. 137);

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Lee amendment in the nature of a substitute (No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 110–548), submitted on behalf of the Congressional Progressive Caucus, that sought to provide at least \$551.7 billion for domestic, non-military discretionary spending in FY09; provide a \$118.9 billion economic stimulus package; extend unemployment insurance, food stamp benefits, and Medicaid payments to states; and, spend \$468.3 billion on defense. The Progressive Caucus budget balances by FY12 and rebalances again in FY18, upon completion of the Reinvest and Rebuild

America Initiative (by a recorded vote of 98 ayes to 322 noes, Roll No. 138); and **Pages H1646–59**

Ryan (WI) amendment in the nature of a substitute (No. 3 printed in H. Rept. 110–548) that sought to balance the budget by 2012, retain provisions enacted in 2001/2003, prevent expansion of the AMT for the next 3 years, and achieve full repeal in 2013. Provides total discretionary budget authority of \$1.04 trillion in fiscal year 2009, a 4.3-percent increase from 2008 enacted level. It imposes a moratorium on congressional earmarks for the balance of the 110th Congress; requires a separate vote on increasing the public debt; requires cost estimates on conference reports and unreported bills; prohibits domestic add-ons to emergency war spending bills; limits long-term spending commitments; prevents use of reconciliation to increase spending; limits “advance appropriations” to \$23.565 billion in 2010; provides a \$7.3-billion domestic emergency reserve fund; provides for contingency war funds; incorporates bipartisan Legislative Line Item Veto. Calls for 1 percent decrease in entitlement program spending (by a recorded vote of 157 ayes to 263 noes, Roll No. 140). **Pages H1661–80**

H. Res. 1036, the rule providing for consideration of the concurrent resolution, was agreed to on Wednesday, March 12th.

**Oath of Office—Seventh Congressional District of Indiana:** Representative-elect André Carson presented himself in the well of the House and was administered the Oath of Office by the Speaker. Earlier, the Clerk of the House transmitted a facsimile copy of a letter from Mr. Matthew Tusing, Deputy Secretary of State, Office of the Indiana Secretary of State, indicating that, according to the unofficial results of the Special Election held on March 11, 2008, the Honorable André Carson was elected Representative to Congress for the Seventh Congressional District, State of Indiana. **Pages H1660, H1699**

**Whole Number of the House:** The Speaker announced to the House that, in light of the administration of the oath to the gentleman from Indiana, Mr. André Carson, the whole number of the House is adjusted to 431. **Page H1660**

**Call of the House:** The Speaker called the House to order and ascertained the presence of a quorum (384 present, Roll No. 139). **Pages H16760–61**

**Suspension—Proceedings Resumed:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure which was debated on Wednesday, March 12th:

*Recognizing the exceptional sacrifice of the 69th Infantry Regiment, known as the Fighting 69th, in support of the Global War on Terror:* H. Res.

991, recognizing the exceptional sacrifice of the 69th Infantry Regiment, known as the Fighting 69th, in support of the Global War on Terror, by a 2/3 yeas-and-nay vote of 406 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 142. **Page H1684**

**Pension Protection Technical Corrections Act of 2007:** Agreed by unanimous consent that the Clerk be authorized to engross H.R. 3361, to make technical corrections related to the Pension Protection Act of 2006, in the form of the bill placed at the desk. **Pages H1685–90**

**Order of Procedure:** Agreed by unanimous consent that it be in order, on the legislative day of March 13, 2008, at a time to be determined by the Speaker, that the House resolve itself into a secret session as though pursuant to clause 9, rule XVII; that debate held in secret session continue for not to exceed one hour, equally divided and controlled; and at the conclusion of that debate, the secret session shall be dissolved. **Pages H1690–99**

Agreed by unanimous consent that when the secret session of the House is dissolved pursuant to the previous order of the House, the House stand adjourned. **Page H1699**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 7:33 p.m. and at 10:11 p.m., the House began proceedings held in secret session. **Page H1699**

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Four yeas-and-nay votes and three recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H1626, H1626–27, H1645–46, H1659, H1680, H1683–84, and H1684. One quorum call (Roll No. 139) developed during the proceedings of today and appears on pages H1660–61

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10:30 a.m. and adjourned at 11:09 p.m.

## *Committee Meetings*

### **AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FDA APPROPRIATIONS**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies held a hearing on FNCS Budget. Testimony was heard from Nancy Montanez Johnner, Under Secretary, Food, Nutrition and Consumer Services, USDA.

### **DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Defense held a hearing on Navy Posture. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Navy: Donald C. Winter, Secretary; ADM Gary Roughead, USN, Chief of Naval Operations;